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DERIVATIVES THAT INHIBIT HCV P7 ION CHANNEL ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.